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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003, for which the three-month date for response is November 28, 2003, as November 27, 2003 is a federal holiday.

If an extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

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Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.